

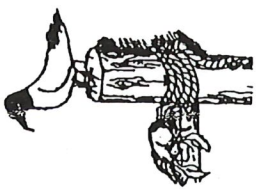


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EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Mayor Pro-Tem Tracey Johnson of the City of Seadrift, Texas hereby issued a Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to a Public Health Emergency due to loss of water pressure on January 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the water treatment plant which serves the City of Seadrift, Texas, has been in operation for over 40 years. Over the years, the system has deteriorated, leading to frequent breakdowns and inefficiencies in water treatment processes. Despite our best efforts to maintain the plant, the aging equipment and infrastructure have made it increasingly difficult to ensure the delivery of safe and clean water to our community; and

WHEREAS, As a small City that has a predominately low to moderate-income population, the financial burden of maintaining this aging system has become overwhelming. The costs associated with frequent repairs, emergency fixes, and temporary solutions have strained our budget significantly; and

WHEREAS, The lack of regular maintenance and upgrades has resulted in several issues, including the failure of two water pumps. The City had ordered a replacement for pump #1 back in November 2024, but there is still an eleven-week delivery period as of today. During this time, pump #2 has now also failed. Currently, the City is operating on only one spare jockey pump with very limited capacity;

WHEREAS, the City remains under a Boil Water Notice (BWN) since January 9, 2025, due to low distribution pressure; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) did not require the City to issue a citywide notice but was decided on by the Mayor Pro-Tem so that the City can be proactive. The BWN advised residents to boil water before consumption as a precautionary measure until further notice;

WHEREAS, ongoing testing and inspections will be conducted until the public water system returns to the required water pressure pursuant to TCEQ.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE SEADRIFT CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEADRIFT, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster was declared for the City of Seadrift, pursuant to Texas Government Code 418.108(a).
2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 418.108(b), the declaration of local disaster may not be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven days except with the consent of the governing body.

3. Extension of the Declaration of Local State of Disaster will be from January 22, 2025, to February 12, 2025.
4. This Declaration of Local State of Disaster may be extended by the City Council or rescinded by the Mayor Pro-Tem Tracey Johnson on or before February 12, 2025.
5. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 418.108(c), this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given promptly and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
6. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 418.108(d), this declaration of local disaster activates the city emergency management plan.
7. Residents should follow the published Boil Water Notice and should obey directions from police and emergency personnel.
8. Residents are to cooperate with officials for the investigation, inspections, and taking of samples to resolve this matter.
9. Residents are advised to ascertain the credibility of news, social media, and information sources regarding the water supply situation. The spread of misinformation can create unwarranted public fear and hinder emergency actions. Residents are asked to act responsibly so as not to further spread misinformation.
10. Residents are advised to monitor the official updates issued by the City of Seadrift regarding the public water system.
11. As acting Mayor, Tracey Johnson further reserves all other authority and power conferred by state law to respond as necessary to the situation which is the subject of this Declaration.

Declaration extended on the 22nd day of January 2025, by the Seadrift City Council in the City of Seadrift, Calhoun County, Texas, and shall be in effect until February 12, 2025, unless extended by City Council or rescinded by the Mayor Pro-Tem.


Tracey Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem


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Attest:


Gabriela Torres, City Secretary

